Diary dates:

School Banking every Tuesday throughout the School Term

14th December
Gala Sports
No Canteen

18th December
No Marina's Café

19th December
Dance Demonstration
Seaford Community Hall 9.30

19th December
Graduation—Year 6

20th December
Big Day Out—Year 6
Class parties for Prep—Year 5

21st December
Last day of term 4 and 2012—Early finish 1.30.

31st January 2013
1st Day of Term 1 2013
(Prep Interview Day)

1st February 2013
1st Day of Term 1 2013 for Preps

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13th December, 2012

Eye on Seaford

From The Principal's Desk

An Invitation To You

This term our children have been working with Mr Les Waugh, our dance instructor, each Wednesday and they are keen to present their dances to you. This event will take place next Wednesday morning, December 19th at the Seaford Community Centre from 9.30 am. We had a huge turnout for last year's performance with mums, dads, grandparents and family friends all having a great time. Don’t forget to bring your dancing shoes, as at the end of the presentation (about 10.15) your child will be inviting you to dance with them in one of the simpler dances—should be a whole lot of fun.

End of Term Arrangements

The final day of school this year is Friday, December 21st with children being dismissed at the earlier time of 1.30. Our final assembly will commence at 12.45 and all of our community is invited to attend. This is a special assembly where we farewell our year 6 students and present a number of scholarships and awards. Entertainment will be provided by our State School Spectacular Singers. We also announce the House Captains for 2013. Weather permitting this will be held outside on either the netball court or the undercover area.

Unfortunately, Frankston City Council has decided that it will not have school crossing supervisors attending crossings prior to 2.30 on this day. This means that the crossing at McRae St will not be supervised on final day dismissal nor will the flags be displayed on either McRae St or McKenzie St crossings. School Council has expressed its disappointment to the City of Frankston and we hope that this decision will be reviewed prior to the end of 2013. This decision was made by Frankston Council as a blanket decision across the city without consultation or in consideration of individual school locations.

A number of school staff wearing their yard duty fluoro vests will monitor both of these crossings to ensure the children’s safety, however, council has informed us that only trained crossing supervisors are authorised to put out flags, wear supervisor coats and use the stop sign.

Whilst the intersection of Railway Pde and Seaford Rd is not a designated school crossing, a supervisor is employed to assist students across there each morning and afternoon. A small number of our students who live on the south side of Seaford Rd use this crossing. I will walk with any students using this crossing who are not being collected by the parent at the end of school on the last day to supervise them across Seaford Rd.

School Fees

Each year School Council sets both the subject and grounds contributions that we ask parents to pay to assist us in the funding of programs and resources for our students. These are displayed on the school book lists. Whilst the government does provide us with the basic level of funding to operate the school, it is simply not enough to fund all of the programs that we believe should be available to your children or provide adequate resources and equipment to support their educational program. Historically, the school receives approximately $14000 from parent contributions. With changes to EMA this year there is an expectation that revenue from parent contributions may be affected. Whilst subject and grounds contributions are voluntary, I would ask that all families make a contribution. Even if the whole amount is not possible, please consider contributing what you can afford or make a number of smaller payments throughout the year. In the event that we do not receive the amount that we have budgeted for, School Council will need to review budgets to find cost savings.

Class Parties.

Thursday December 20th is the designated day for class parties, and each class will be provided with specific information from their teacher regarding arrangements for this. This day has also been designated a “Christmas Dress Up Day” where children are asked to wear clothes of a Christmas Theme to school. They are asked to donate a gold coin which will be passed on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal which provides great support to those less fortunate over the Christmas Season. Thanks to our KID Reps who have arranged this and to Georgia in year 4 whose suggestion it was initially.

Gala Sports

Our much awaited Gala Sports Day is happening this week on our school oval, commencing at 9.30 on Friday December 14th. Children are asked to come along in their House colours and we ask spectators to do the same. The children will be involved in events including sprints, hurdles, relays and some novelty events. We will have a break between 11.00 and 11.30 and it is expected that the last event will occur shortly before 1pm. Please feel free to bring a picnic lunch to share with your children at the conclusion of the sports. A reminder that there is no canteen this week or next.
Kids Carnival
As always this was a huge success with children having a great time- one of our students referred to it as the best free time ever! A huge thank you to Annie Laurensen and Robyn Reardon who coordinated the event and to the staff and parents who organised all of the activities for the children to enjoy. We raised $1435 which will be well used in funding additional resources for our students to use in their learning.

Graduation
Next Wednesday evening is a very special event in the lives of our year 6 students when they gather with family and friends to celebrate their graduation from primary school. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the whole school community to congratulate them and to wish them well in their secondary education.

Regards
Michael

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Laine showed her class the medal and trophy she received for ballet.

Nicholas showed the children the medals and ribbons he won at the Special Olympics State Games in Newcastle.

New and Pre-Loved Uniform Shop
Open Fridays 9.00am - 9.30am

Dresses
School Dresses are now available for purchase from the uniform shop.
Pre-Loved Uniform
All donations of pre-loved uniform are gratefully accepted at the office.
Uniform 2013
Please note that the uniform shop only holds stock for sizing. If you are considering buying uniform for the start of the year we ask that you place your order prior to the end of this year as orders can take 4-5 weeks to be delivered.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Displayed on the Noticeboard in the front foyer of the Office.
- 1st Seaforad Scout Group Christmas tree sale.
- Cameo Tigers Netball Club season 2013
- sKids Vacation Care

A Quick Reminder From The Library

Please, please, please return all the books you have borrowed to the library now, please look high and low at home, so we can end the year on a positive note, and have everything in order for the start of the following year.

Thank you very much from Louise.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BY MICHAEL WOOLSEY, School Community Liaison Officer

This is the last of a series of articles on Cyber-bullying from the Child Health Promotion Research Centre and Edith Cowan University.

Management of bullying incidents....what can parents do?
If your child reports being bullied (to you)....
- Listen without interrupting
- Be calm and caring
- Encourage your child to talk in detail about the incident
Your response....
- Thank him/ her for telling you
- Don't over react – let him/her know you won’t do anything without talking to them first.
- Remind them that it is not their fault
Work towards a solution.....
- Help your child develop a plan of what he/ she can do
- Help your child think about what has been done so far by him / her and the school
- Suggest ways your child can get help at school (with the child’s permission).

For more information on cyberbullying, please visit:

Netsafe http://www.netsafe.org.nz/ Cybersafety education site from New Zealand
Wired Safety http://www.wiredsafety.org/ Internet safety and help group

Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays
Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games during January 2013.

Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th
January
Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th, Friday 18th
January
Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd, Friday 25th
January

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days.
Bookings essential – suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 3PM
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.
Lunches. BYO or available for $7.50
Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7925
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

CANTEEN NEWS

Due to the Gala Sports Day on Friday 14th December there will be NO CANTEEN.
The canteen will re-open on Fridays in 2013.
Thank you for all your support this year and have a very Merry Christmas!
Michael and the Canteen Committee.

MARINA’S CAFE

Marina’s Cafe will not be providing lunch orders on Tuesday 18th December.
From all at Marina’s Cafe we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year!
Marina.
The 3/4 classes have suggested to their KID reps that they would like to have a Christmas dress-up day. Therefore on the 20\textsuperscript{th} of December all children can wear anything Christmassy, like red and green or just a Christmas top. There will be a gold coin donation to come dressed up. Each coin will go to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. The Christmas Bowl appeal is a fund raiser that donates money to the poor people in Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and lots of other places.